

May is the beginning of our summer schedule. We are working 4 – 10 hour days Monday thru Thursday, from 6:30am to 4:30pm. We follow this schedule until October.

We have completed our spring street sweeping and have begun striping our crosswalks and traffic lanes. The week of June 10 we will have a night crew painting the high traffic areas, weather permitting. The other crews are doing roadside maintenance. You may have noticed that we are cleaning out under the guardrails on Benton Avenue. Along with appearing neater, this allows the run-off to exit the roadway uniformly and not concentrated in one spot, resulting in erosion.

The week of May 27 I had a crew do a major cleanup below Belleview Street. We removed seven dump truck loads of trees and two truckloads of trash. The trash included mattresses, couches, electronics, and tires. It should be more attractive when the vegetation falls for the winter.

During the week of May 6, I had our contractor Ted Berry continue doing camera work on our interceptor line that runs to Chaffee Brook Pump Station. We have a couple of sections left to do and all 7000 feet will have been examined.

On the subject of Chaffee Brook Pump Station, we have given the roofing replacement project to C. O. Beck. Since they will be doing the major project at the Orion building, Mike and I decided to give them this small project as well.

I have used the month of May to send some of my crew to classes in Brewer, Augusta, and Skowhegan. They took classes on Roadway Fundamentals and Work Zone Safety.

After the May council meeting, I met with the bid committee to finalize the specs for our new plow truck. The bid requests were sent out May 21, 2013, and opened on June 3, 2013. The bids received were very competitive. O'Connor Motors in Augusta had the lowest price for the new chassis and the highest trade-in value for our old unit #7. Combined together the new chassis will cost us \$69,266.00. O'Connor's bid is for a Western Star truck. The highest bid came from Freightliner of Maine for a combined price of \$78,887.00 and Daigle & Houghton came in at \$74,273.00, also for a Western Star. On the bids for the plow equipment and sander body, Viking Cives bid \$59,995.00 and H. P. Fairfield bid \$63,988.00. With a few options we added to Vikings package, the final price is \$61,695.00. The total combined price for the complete unit is \$130,961.00, well within our budget.

Project updates. Taylor Road should be out to bid this week and Robert Street sewer should go out next week. The plans for the pump station replacement at Johnny's Seeds are also almost ready for bid. I have been meeting weekly with the area Public Works officials and Summit Natural Gas to stay on top of their construction plans for this year and next.

You will notice from your budget reports that the Public Works equipment repair line has gone over our budget amount. Some major repairs to one of our loaders, our Trackless roadside mower, and pickup #15 has resulted in necessitating the overage.

Respectfully submitted by,

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